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The Honorable Thomas Ridge, Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Ridge:

I request a briefing by you for myself and appropriate staff to hear from the Department of Homeland Security its intentions on safeguarding the November 2004 elections.

I have read several news accounts of the possibility of elections being disrupted or postponed this November. As the Ranking Member on the Committee on House Administration with jurisdiction over the Election of the President, Vice President, Members, Senators; and Federal elections generally would like to personally hear how you intend to work with our Committee to ensure a safe, intimidation free process to allowing all eligible citizens the availability to participate in the process.

Contact me or my Staff Director George Shevlin IV to schedule the briefing at (202) 225-2061.

Thank you,



JOHN B. LARSON
Ranking Minority Member
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